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Changes to Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors

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As part of the release of the government's 2013 budget, the Education Property Tax Assistance for seniors program will be income-tested starting this tax year, and will be discontinued after this year (2013). However, the Seniors Property Tax Deferral program will be available to senior homeowners this property tax season and can assist with the payment of all items on a property tax invoice.

The Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors program provides a rebate to assist eligible senior homeowners with the year-to-year increases in the education portion of their property taxes.

To be eligible for the Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors program, you must:

- Be 65 years of age or older
- Be an Alberta resident
- Own residential property in Alberta
- Have an increase in the education portion of your property taxes
- Meet the income eligibility requirements

Single seniors with an income of \$31,675 or less will be eligible and senior couples with combined incomes of \$63,350 or less will be eligible.

The Seniors Property Tax Deferral program will be available to senior homeowners this property tax season. This voluntary program will allow eligible seniors to defer their residential property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan with the Alberta government. Government will pay the taxes directly to the municipality, and the loan will be due when the senior sells the home, are no longer eligible for the loan or sooner if they choose.

Applications for the Seniors Property Tax Deferral program will be available in mid-April.

For application forms these programs or for additional information, please visit www.health.alberta.ca or call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre toll-free at 1.877.644.9992 (in Edmonton 780.644.9992)

To participate in a brief survey for municipalities on the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program, please refer to our [March 27 bulletin](#).

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